



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Child Development
and Early Education

Welcome to Request for Application #005-PDG-2021

Infant-Toddler Cost and Feasibility Study
Bidders Conference

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Background & Vision

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- 2018 Report from NC DHHS Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
- NC B-5 Needs Assessment & State Leaders
- Leandro Ruling
- December 2019 Award for Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)



Target Audience

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- **RFA is open to:**

- State agencies and universities
- Public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing
- Must have:
 - Knowledge of North Carolina's early childhood education mixed delivery system
 - Expertise in conducting research and presenting data
 - Expertise in providing consultation to state and local governmental agencies/personnel
 - Expertise in providing analysis of emerging conditions and child well-being

Target Audience

- **Qualifications and Capacity**
 - **Applicants must exhibit:**
 - **Comprehensive knowledge of early childhood education (ECE) systems, effective policies and practices at all levels of ECE infrastructure**
 - **A demonstrated ability to develop and execute equity focused projects**
 - **Program design and evaluation expertise**
 - **Applicants must submit or describe work products that demonstrate similar or relevant efforts**
 - **Preference will be given to applicants with extensive knowledge of the NC Early Childhood Action Plan and recent developments in Leandro vs. State of North Carolina**

Target Audience

- **Entity that will:**
 - **Conduct a literature review to identify proven elements of high-quality birth through three, Infant-Toddler to Preschool, and Preschool to Pre-K care and education services**
 - **Identify any statewide programs currently available in the United States that support the transition of children as they age out of services including Infant-Toddler to Preschool and Preschool to Pre-K program**
 - **Review data on the current quality of infant-toddler care in NC**

Target Audience, cont.

- **Entity that will:**
 - **Determine the most impactful level of educator preparation for infant and toddler care and education using the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Power to the Profession Unifying Framework**
 - **Determine successful mixed delivery system and mixed classroom conditions needed for successful implementation**
 - **Develop an operational transition plan for children and families as they move from this program to either another early care and education setting or kindergarten**






Target Audience, cont.

- **Entity that will:**
 - **Develop a cost model and proposed phased financing approach utilizing state and federal resources**
 - **Establish a state Infant-Toddler Task Force to help guide the work, consisting of program owners and operators, infant and toddler educators, representatives of families with infants and toddlers, researchers, and other early childhood and financing experts**
 - **Develop a legislative strategy to engage North Carolina legislators in understanding the importance of birth to age three development and reviewing and providing input on the study results**

Line Item Budget & Narrative

Submit Two Budgets

Prepare two (2) line-item budgets that together do not exceed \$1,000,000:


-  **First budget for work to be completed 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022**
-  **Second budget for work to be completed 1/1/2023 -6/30/2023**
-  **Break out costs by categories in line-item budget template**
-  **Show breakout of FTE costs (salary/fringe) on second tab of budget template**
-  **Include explanation of budget item in budget narrative portion of the template**

Review of Scope of Services

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Conduct a study of the feasibility and cost for the development and initiation of a program designed to provide high-quality comprehensive child development and family support program to low-income at-risk children birth through age three and their families.

The program will:

-  **Align with NC PreK**
-  **Use an equity lens**

Scope of Services – Program/Policy Study

Develop a plan to conduct a study of current literature on best practices for infant/toddler care, to connect and analyze data on the infant/toddler care being provided in NC, and to gain an understanding of the need for infant/toddler care or lack thereof in NC.

Collect and analyze current literature on the following:







Literature that identifies proven elements of high-quality early care and education for birth through age three.



Research of current birth through three programs in the United States to identify program elements that have been successfully implemented at scale.




Scope of Services – Program/Policy Study

Synthesize existing, and if needed, collect additional data on the current quality of infant-toddler care in North Carolina to include:

-  **Structural features of care**
-  **Caregiver-child interactions**
-  **Other aspects of quality**
-  **Suspension and expulsion practices/policies/occurrences for infants/toddlers**

Scope of Services – Program/Policy Study

Synthesize existing, and if needed, collect additional data on the current quality of infant-toddler care in North Carolina to include:

-  **Infant/toddler child care subsidy enrollment by race, ethnicity, program type, region**
-  **Examining infant toddler child care capacity versus enrollment**
-  **Geo-mapping areas where licensed child care options are not available or overcrowded**

Scope of Services – Program/Policy Study

Conduct a market survey to determine the demand for infant-toddler care by:



Examining wait lists across the state from DSS, Resource and Referral and Smart Start Partnerships



Surveying centers across the state to determine wait lists for private centers



Determining the number of children ages birth-three that are homeless or living in poverty

Scope of Services – Program/Policy Study

Summarize findings from program/policy study in a report including a description of the elements of high-quality birth-3 care, the status of infant-toddler quality in North Carolina



Summary must be presented in a report to include an executive summary.



A slide deck of study results must be created for Division use

Executive Summary

Selection Process



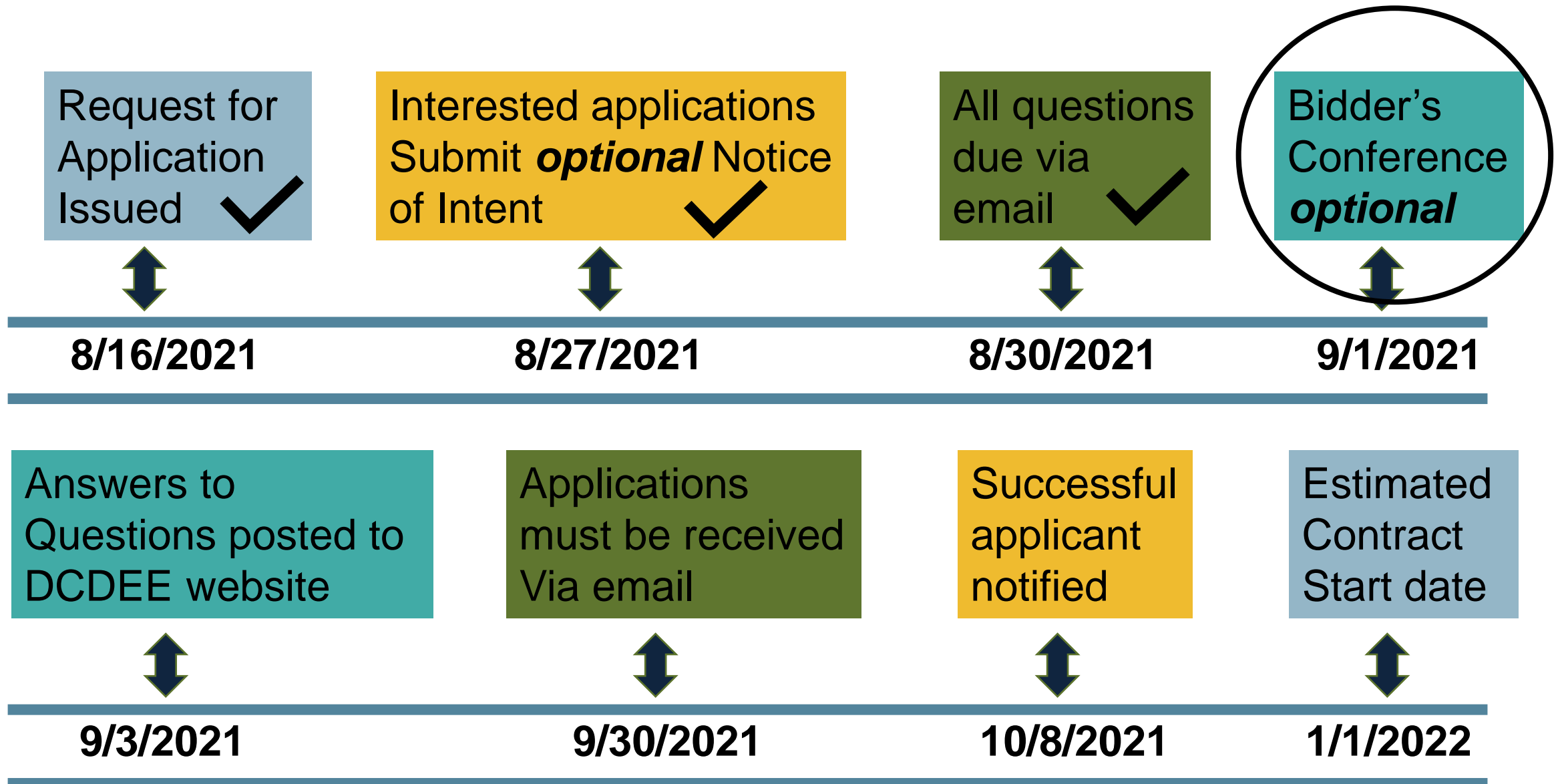
Selection Process

**Maximum
100 Points**



Submission Timeline & Requirements

Submission Timeline



Submission Requirements

Application Checklist

The following items must be included in the application.

Items	
Application Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Face Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal summary/Design/Evaluation Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
List of Subcontractors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line-Item Budget & FTE Worksheet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indirect Cost Rate Approval Letter (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
IRS Tax Status Documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q & A Session

Please email additional questions to:

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Thank you for attending!